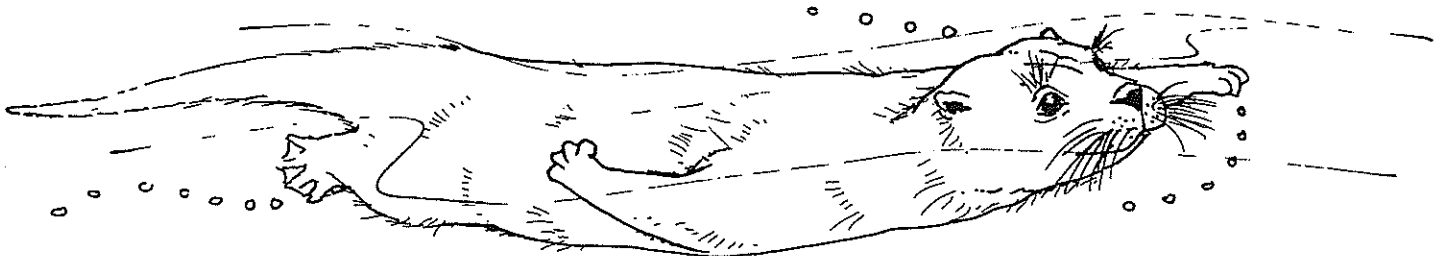


Read this passage about otters. In the numbered boxes below are three words. Circle the one you think correctly completes the sentence.

River otters were once very ___ 1 ___ all over North America. However, in the 1800s ___ 2 ___ killed so many otters for their beautiful ___ 3 ___ that they began to disappear. In recent ___ 4 ___ other problems have caused a reduction in their numbers. Draining of their favourite habitat, the ___ 5 ___, and ___ 6 ___ of the waterways has killed many otters.

River otters live in ___ 7 ___ along rivers and streams and in lakes and marshes. Sometimes they move into ___ 8 ___ other animals such as beavers and muskrats have left.

Otter offspring are called pups and when they are about six weeks old their mother ___ 9 ___ them out into the water and teaches them to ___ 10 ___. Otters are very graceful swimmers. They paddle with webbed ___ 11 ___ and use their ___ 12 ___ to steer.



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5 shrubs
wetlands
lake

9 directs
persuades
expects

2 children
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6 control
pollution
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10 eat
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survive

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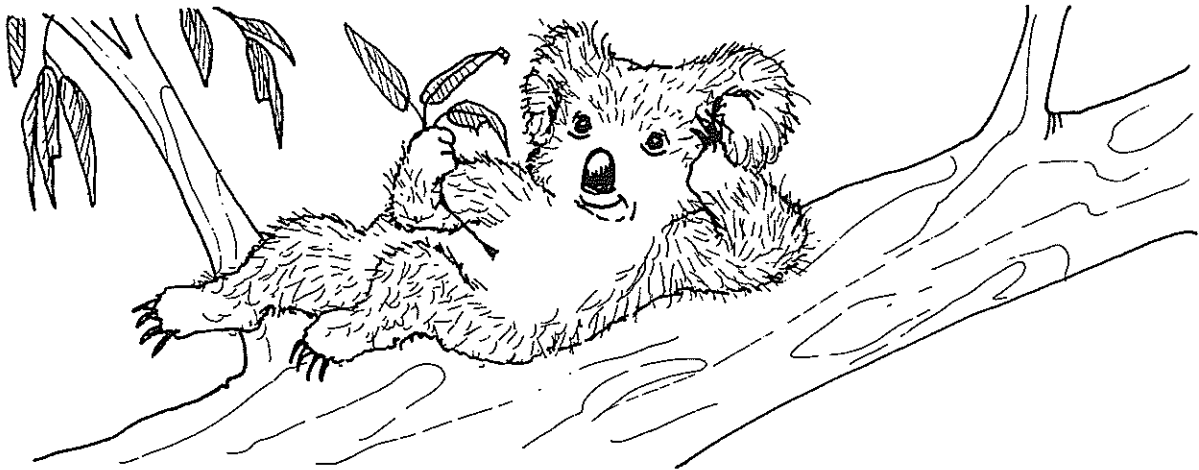
11 feet
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4 places
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8 homes
places
nests

12 legs
tails
bodies

Now read this passage about koalas. No words are provided at the end. You must decide what is the best word to use. Write the words you choose in the boxes below the extract.



Once there were millions of koalas across the whole of the Australian 1 . The destruction of the eucalyptus 2 began the reduction in their 3 . Hunting and diseases have also caused huge losses. Australia now 4 its koalas and scientists are trying to discover a 5 to help control the diseases that caused such losses.

Koalas eat as much as one kilogram of 6 each day. They rarely drink water because they get all the 7 they need from their diet of eucalyptus leaves.

There are many koalas in zoos and 8 all around Australia. The zoo 9 have to travel many kilometres each day to collect leaves. They collect large 10 of eucalyptus leaves.

Laws have been passed to 11 these delightful creatures to ensure that one of Australia's most lovable animals is no longer 12 .

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